

OREGON STATE BAR

BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2021

TIME AND PLACE

Upon notice duly given, a meeting of the Executive Committee (the “Committee”) of the Business Law Section (the “Section”) of the Oregon State Bar (the “Bar”) was held by video conference on May 27, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific time.

PRESENT

Present were Committee members Jeffrey Tarr (Chair), Anne Arathoon, Will Goodling, Brian Jolly, Ben Kearney, Genny Kiley, Jennifer Nicholls, David Post, Charmin Shiely, Kara Tatman, Tyler Volm, and Michael Walker. Also present at the invitation of the Committee were Joe Cerne (Chair, New Business Lawyers Subcommittee) and Amy Zubko (Bar representative). Committee members not in attendance were James Hein, Matt Larson and Emily Maas.

Mr. Tarr called the meeting to order at approximately 12:04 p.m. Pacific time. Mr. Goodling acted as Secretary and kept the minutes.

MINUTES

Mr. Tarr reviewed the most recent meeting minutes with the Committee and a correction was noted. The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution upon a motion duly made and seconded:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Committee’s April 22, 2021 meeting, in the form presented to the Committee after incorporating the correction made, are approved.

BAR LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Zubko summarized a new bylaw adopted by the Board of Governors and provided a reminder about an upcoming CLE reporting deadline. Ms. Zubko also provided a brief update about legislative matters.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Arathoon summarized the Section's financial statements for April 2021, including to note that there had been little financial activity in the month and that paid members had increased by 10 and unpaid members had increased by two during the month.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CLE

Mr. Volm reported that the CLE Subcommittee is working to organize a standalone CLE regarding foreclosure during the COVID-19 pandemic and a possible return-to-work CLE presentation. Mr. Volm also noted that the CLE Subcommittee was planning the annual CLE program in November 2021 to have the CLEs in its first day focus on legal updates arising from the President Biden's administration and the CLEs in its second day focus on distressed business issues.

Outreach

Mr. Jolly noted that Bar restrictions on social activities remain in place, but the Subcommittee continues to aim for a potential outdoor summer retreat in August if possible at that time.

Newsletter

Mr. Tarr reported that the Newsletter Subcommittee is on track to publish the June edition of the *Oregon Business Lawyer* on time and is seeking authors for its September edition.

New Business Lawyers

Mr. Cerne provided an updated on the status of the New Business Lawyers Subcommittee's plans to have a recurring law school panel at each of the three law schools in the autumn and then in the winter.

Legislative

Ms. Tatman provided an update regarding the Legislative Subcommittee and a discussion followed regarding potential long-term strategic projects, including in conjunction with the Oregon Law Commission.

James B. Castle Leadership Award Subcommittee

Mr. Tarr noted that the James B. Castle Leadership Award Subcommittee should solicit nominations for the award in the June edition of the *Oregon Business Lawyer* and via the Section's email listserv. Ms. Kiley reported she would work with Carole Barkley to have the solicitation published in the newsletters and on the Section's website, and she would work with the Bar to publish the solicitation via the listserv.

Nominating and Member Recruitment Subcommittee

Mr. Tarr noted that there was nothing to report regarding the Nominating and Member Recruitment Subcommittee at this point of the year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Donations, Scholarships and Stipends

Mr. Cerne summarized a discussion that Mr. Hein, Ms. Shiely and he had with JB Kim, the Director of Diversity and Inclusion at the Bar, regarding the Section's scholarship program. Ms. Kim had discouraged direct scholarships to students under current Bar policies and presented the Bar's Diversity and Inclusion's Summer Stipend Program as an alternative. Mr. Cerne explained that, under the program, a law student finds a summer job and then the employer gets reimbursed from the program for up to half of the student's wages to the extent funds are available.

A discussion among the Committee members followed. After the discussion concluded, the Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution upon a motion duly made and seconded:

RESOLVED, that the Section is authorized to contribute \$3,000 per year (including for 2021) to the Bar's Diversity and Inclusion's Summer Stipend Program so long as the funds are used for law students pursuing a business law practice in the state of Oregon.

There being no further business of the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:05. p.m. Pacific time.

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